

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2 and 15, and amend the remaining claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for verifying a value of goods on a supplier invoice, said method comprising:

compiling a daily input of supplier invoice data into a weekly statistical sample of supplier invoices in a data processing system, wherein said statistical sample comprises a sampling size greater than a sampling size used in United States Customs Service audits, and wherein said sampling size equals exactly a total number of all supplier invoices compiled in said data processing system;

inputting a first value of imported goods in said data processing system, said inputting of said first value comprising inputting a value claimed on an import declaration;

inputting a second value of imported goods in said data processing system, said inputting of said second value comprising inputting a value claimed on a payment invoice;

selectively comparing said first value with said second value;

performing a logic step, wherein said logic step comprises one of:

alerting a user if said first value does not equal said second value; and

making an automated payment if said first value equals said second value; and

repeating said method for subsequent supplier invoices.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said step of comparing said first value with said second value occurs for every occurrence of said inputting a first value of imported goods into a data processing system and said step of inputting a second value of imported goods into said data processing system.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said sampling size is approximately 30 supplier invoices.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting a statistical sample of supplier invoices having said first value greater than a predetermined amount.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting a statistical random sample from all supplier invoices in said data processing system, and identifying an amount of occurrences of unequal first values compared with second values, attributed to a common supplier.
7. (Original) The method of claim 6, further comprising selecting all invoices of said common supplier if said amount of occurrences exceeds a predetermined amount, and alerting said user.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer system executing a method for verifying a value of goods on a supplier invoice, said computer system comprising:

a sampling generator adapted to compile, in a data processing system, a daily input of supplier invoice data into a weekly statistical sample of supplier invoices, wherein said statistical sample comprises a sampling size greater than a sampling size used in United States Customs Service audits, wherein said sampling size equals exactly a total number of all supplier invoices compiled in said data processing system, ~~and~~ wherein said data processing system is adapted to have a first value and a second value of imported goods being input therein, wherein said first value comprises a value claimed on an import declaration, and wherein said second value comprises a value claimed on a payment invoice;

an input data management system adapted to selectively compare said first value with said second value; and

a logic component comprising:

an alert component adapted to alert a user if said first value does not equal said second value; and

a payment system adapted to make an automated payment if said first value equals said second value.

9. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 8, wherein the comparison of said first value with said second value occurs for every occurrence of the inputting of said first value of imported goods into a data processing system and the inputting of said second value of imported goods into said data processing system.

10. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 8, wherein said sampling size is approximately 30 supplier invoices.

11. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 8, wherein said sampling generator is further adapted to generate and select a statistical sample of supplier invoices having said first value greater than a predetermined amount.

12. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 8, wherein said sampling generator is further adapted to generate and select a statistical random sample from all supplier invoices in said data processing system, and identify an amount of occurrences of unequal first values compared with second values attributed to a common supplier.

13. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 12, wherein said sampling generator is further adapted to select all invoices of said common supplier if said amount of occurrences exceeds a predetermined amount, and alert said user.

14. (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method for verifying an import declaration with an invoice for value of goods, said method comprising:
compiling a daily input of supplier invoice data into a weekly statistical sample of supplier invoices in a data processing system, wherein said statistical sample comprises a

sampling size greater than a sampling size used in United States Customs Service audits, and wherein said sampling size equals exactly a total number of all supplier invoices compiled in said data processing system;

inputting a first value of imported goods in said data processing system, said inputting of said first value comprising inputting a value claimed on an import declaration;

inputting a second value of imported goods in said data processing system, said inputting of said second value comprising inputting a value claimed on a payment invoice;

selectively comparing said first value with said second value;

performing a logic step, wherein said logic step comprises one of:

alerting a user if said first value does not equal said second value; and

making an automated payment if said first value equals said second value; and

repeating said method for subsequent supplier invoices.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Original) The program storage device in claim 14, wherein in said method, said step of comparing said first value with said second value occurs for every occurrence of said inputting a first value of imported goods into a data processing system and said step of inputting a second value of imported goods into said data processing system.

17. (Previously Presented) The program storage device in claim 14, wherein said sampling size is approximately 30 supplier invoices.

18. (Previously Presented) The program storage device in claim 14, wherein said method further comprises selecting a statistical sample of supplier invoices having said first value greater than a predetermined amount.

19. (Previously Presented) The program storage device in claim 14, wherein said method further comprises selecting a statistical random sample from all supplier invoices in said data processing system, and identifying an amount of occurrences of unequal first values compared with second values, attributed to a common supplier.

20. (Original) The program storage device in claim 19, wherein said method further comprises selecting all invoices of said common supplier if said amount of occurrences exceeds a predetermined amount, and alerting said user.